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SUBJECT: SUBCOMMITTEE ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON UGANDA

REF: STATE 103857

1. THE THREE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE HIRC MET IN PUBLIC SESSION ON APRIL 26 AND ADOPTED AN ALTERNATIVE NON-BINDING RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WHICH IS BOTH LESS CONTENTIOUS AND LESS SPECIFIC THAN H. CON RES 426 (BONKER-PEASE RESOLUTION). ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED BY CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ TO INCLUDE MENTION OF "EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH UGANDA." RESOLUTION WILL NOW BE INTRODUCED INTO THE FULL COMMITTEE OF THE HIRC AND SHOULD PASS WITHOUT CHANGE. IT SHOULD THEN BE READILY APPROVED BY THE FULL HOUSE.

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2. WHILE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ACTION ON PEASE'S BINDING LEGISLATION FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST UGANDA, IT NOW APPEARS THAT THESE MEASURES ARE LESS LIKELY TO PROSPER.

3. THE TEXT OF THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

WHEREAS IN RECENT YEARS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA HAS ENGAGED IN A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS;

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES HOLDS SUCH ACTIONS TO BE UNACCEPTABLE AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN CERTAIN MEASURES TO EXPRESS ITS ABHORRENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN UGANDA;

WHEREAS THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAS AGREED TO AND IS CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR STUDY MISSIONS IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTS IN UGANDA;

WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA CONTINUES TO EARN SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM EXPORTS OF COFFEE TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES; AND

WHEREAS REPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT HAVE AROUSED DEEP CONCERN AMONG AMERICANS AND THROUGHOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SENATE CONCURRING), THAT (A) THE CONGRESS STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND OTHER ACTS WHICH SUPPRESS FREEDOM OF POLITICAL THOUGHT AND VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY IDI AMIN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, AND THE CONGRESS URGES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT AND WHERE POSSIBLE, IMPLEMENT MEASURES, SUCH AS AN EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH UGANDA, WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY DISCOURAGE UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA IN ANY WAY WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE REPRESSION OF UGANDAN CITIZENS. (B) THE CONGRESS URGES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND TO CONDITIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, INCLUDING ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS. END TEXT.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS THE FOREGOING TO THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE TO BE FORWARDED TO THEIR EMBASSY IN KAMPALA.

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